GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MULTIPURPOSE IDENTITY CARDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Census Commission has executed the pilot project for providing Multipurpose Identity Cards for the citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the implementation of pilot project has been analysed;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof alongwith the problems faced during its implementation;

(e) whether the Government propose to convert these Identity Cards as Smart Cards;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether some smart identity cards are likely to be imported; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) & (b): A Pilot Project on the Multipurpose National Identity Card (MNIC) scheme has been initiated by the Government in April, 2003 covering a few sub-districts in the selected districts of 13 States and Union Territories. The Project is expected to be completed within one year.

(c): Analysis of the implementation will be possible only on the conclusion of the pilot project.

(d): The question does not arise.

(e) to (h): No decision has been taken by the Government as yet.